

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 31, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Anne Sadayasu

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** With Humble Hearts We Come – *Moore*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship** *based on 2 Cor. 5:16-21*

**Leader:** From now on, we no longer view anyone with human perspective.

**People:** **Once we viewed Christ with this point of view, but we no longer see him that way.**

**Leader:** In Christ there is a new creation. What came before has passed away. Behold! Everything is new!

**People:** **This surge of growth is from God, who gave to us in Christ the call to reconcile.**

**Leader:** So we are ambassadors for Christ, God speaking to the world through us.

**People:** **Christ came for our sake; Christ came for the world. Let us worship!**

**Hymn #202:** O God, How We Have Wandered (v. 1-3)

**Invocation** *Based on Ps. 32*

**Happy are those whose misconduct is forgiven, whose sin is wiped away. Happy are those in whom you find no deceit. Happy are we when we confess our sins and faults; happy are we when you forgive. Hear our repentance for the things which lie behind us, God. In your great mercy, help us find your better way. Embrace us in this time of worship, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,**  
**And to the Holy Ghost;**  
**As it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and ever shall be,**  
**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

## **WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem**

**IYAA**

**Time with Children**

Please rise if you are able and join hands in a circle for the  
**Lord's Prayer** in unison:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Scriptures:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Sermon:** This Fellow Welcomes Sinners

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Hymn #203:** Ah, What Shame I Have to Bear (v. 1-3)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

When the Hebrew people emerged from the wilderness, they settled their homes, they planted their fields, they set their beasts to graze. At the time of harvest, they celebrated the Passover, remembering what God had done to set them free. When they ate the harvest of the land, the manna ceased to appear with the morning dew: and

with gladness they enjoyed their produce, and they gave the first fruits willingly to God, for God had set them free. Remembering all that God has done, let us bring our offerings.

**Offertory:** God's Love Surrounds Us – *Simone*

Kayleen Yuda

**Doxology: (Chuukese)**

Mwareiti Kot kich meinisin

Pun i echok a manaman

Sipwe mwareiti feilfoilo

Kot Sam, Kot Nau, Kot Ngunmifel—Amen

**Prayer of Dedication**

**God of Passover, God of harvest, God of Jesus, God of grace: accept these gifts we bring. You have given far more to us than we could ever return to you, yet with these offerings we also give our hearts. In love we give, in love we worship, and in love we serve each day of our lives. Amen.**

**Hymn #57:** O Holy Spirit, Root of Life (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction Response #580:** O Kou Aloha Nou (The Queen's Prayer) (v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** March in D – *Mendelssohn arr: Blake*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, March 31 – Stewardship & Mission Meeting after worship

Today, March 31 – Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing

Tomorrow, April 1 – Gathering Place: Ukulele & singing, pickleball at 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 4 – Lenten Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor's office

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Moderator:** Bob Smith

**Ushers:** Jayson Rekis, Reilly Narruhn, Stuart Mori

**Lay Reader:** Anne Sadayasu

**Flowers:** Cynthia Debus

**Choir Director:** Iese Wilson

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda  
**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy  
**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita  
**Projected Imagery:** Sue Smith  
**Web Master:** Ruth Niino-DuPonte  
**Office Manager:** Pearl “Momi” Lyman

**This week at the Church of the Holy Cross**

- **Bible Study with Pastor Eric:**
  - Sundays, 8:30 am – A Survey of the Bible in J’s Café
  - Wednesdays, 9:30 am—Lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday Service in Pastor’s office
  - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – Pastor’s office
- **Musicianship:** Tuesdays, 4:00 pm, Building of Faith Meeting Room—learn to read music
- **Choir Practice:** Tuesdays, 4:30 pm, Building of Faith Meeting Room, Sundays, 8:30 am, sanctuary
- **UCCP Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 6:00 pm in J’s Cafe
- **IYAA Bible Study,** Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the Lounge
- **Hand Bell Choir Practice:** Fridays, 2:00 pm in J’s Café, sanctuary

**Other Faith Groups that meet at Church of the Holy Cross**

- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worship in the Meeting Room of the Building of Faith Sundays at 10 am.  
**Rev. Bensis Henry**
- **Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa** worship in the sanctuary, Sundays at 12 noon.  
**Rev. Ausage Lelili'o and Rev. Rae Lelili'o**
- **The Bedesta Church** worship in the Meeting Room of the Building of Faith, Sundays at 1:30 pm.  
**Rev. Edmes Edwin**
- **Islamic Center of Hawaii** worship in the Meeting Room, Fridays at 12 noon.  
**Dr. Shawon Rahman**